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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-12, 14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 10-12, 14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 11, line 25, "know" should be --known--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 15 is objected to because of the following informalities: N-acetyl-3,5-dichlorotyrosine should be spelled without the "p". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 10-12 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claims 10, 12 and 15, each recite "A method for raising antibodies to 3-chlorotyrosine comprising the use of an antigen formed by..." However, the claims do not recite how the antigen is used to raise antibodies. That is, the claims are vague since the preamble recites a method for raising antibodies, but the body of the claims do not recite how the antibodies are raised.

Claims 11 and 14 are rejected under 112, second paragraph because they depend from claims 10 or 12, which are vague for the reason set for the above.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-9 are allowed.

Claims 10-12 and 14-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 6-11: 3-(3-chloro-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-6-mercaptomethyl-piperazine-2,5-dione was not found in the prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 12-14: a method for raising antibodies to 3-chlorotyrosine using an

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antigen formed by covalently linking N-acetyl-3-chlorotyrosine, or N-acetyl-3,5-dichlorotyrosine to a carrier protein was not found in the prior art.

Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments filed March 29, 2007 have been fully considered.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-5 and 13 to put the application in condition for allowance according to the previous Office action. However, upon further consideration, the above 112, second paragraph rejections were found, as well as some objections.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ann Y. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-0822. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 10-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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